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1. PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (PMA) ARRANGING MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21 FOR ECONOMIST MARCOS GUARDERAS WITH MANAGERS OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS INTERESTED IN ECUADOR.

2. A PLANT VISIT TO THE NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY AREA WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 22. MR. GUARDERAS WOULD DEPART FROM WASHINGTON ON EVENING OF NOVEMBER 21 AND WOULD OVERNIGHT NEAR PLANT. PMA BELIEVES THAT THIS SCHEDULE, IN ADDITION TO TIME SCHEDULED WITH FDA AND SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (NOVEMBER-18-20) SHOULD PROVE ADEQUATE TO CLEAR UP ANY QUESTIONS MR. GUARDERAS MAY HAVE AND FULFILL THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP AS STATED IN QUITO REFTEL. PMA POINTS OUT THAT VISIT TO MORE THAN ONE MANUFACTURING FACILITY WOULD BE MERELY REPETITIOUS.

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3. WHILE PLANT MR. GUARDERAS WILL VISIT NOT YET DETERMINED,

PMA ADVISES THAT THE FIRM IN QUESTION WILL PROVIDE HIS COST OF TRANSPORTATION FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RETURN AS WELL AS OVERNIGHT LODGING AND MEALS WHILE THERE. FIRM WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETER DURING PLANT VISIT. ALL OTHER EXPENSES SUCH AS LODGING AND MEALS WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND TRANSPORTATION FROM ECUADOR AND RETURN WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. GUARDERAS.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT MR. GUARDERAS WILL VISIT AS PLANNED. ON THE 18TH HE SHOULD PROCEED TO FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, 5600 FISHERS LANE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH MR. L. R. SHELTON, DIRECTOR OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (TELEPHONE 443-4480). KISSINGER

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